



## Lower Duwamish Waterway Site

August 2006

### Terminal 117 Cleanup Starts This Fall

During the second week in September, the Port of Seattle will begin a cleanup at Terminal 117, formerly known as the Malarkey Asphalt property. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the work. Terminal 117 is on the west bank of the Duwamish River in the South Park neighborhood and is part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.

The fall cleanup work is for soil with high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The cleanup will take about four to six weeks. Work is planned to take place generally between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays, but some work may take place later in the evening and on weekends.



#### What Work Will Be Done This Fall?

- Workers will dig up soil with the highest levels of PCBs at the property and along the riverbank that is most likely to erode into the river.
- Dump trucks will take soil and debris to landfills that meet EPA disposal requirements.
- Workers will fill excavated areas with clean material and restore disturbed asphalt.

#### What Will Workers Do to Protect People and the Environment?

- Monitor noise levels to meet City of Seattle and King County requirements.
- Control dust by taking measures such as covering piles of soil and covering loaded trucks.
- Sample the air to ensure that workers are safe and air quality standards are met outside the property fence.
- Protect storm drains from contaminated water, and contain, collect, and dispose of any contaminated water at an approved water disposal facility.
- Inspect and decontaminate trucks before they leave the property.

#### What Will Workers Do? *continued*

- Drive trucks off the property, travel along Dallas Avenue South, turn right and go over the South Park Bridge and continue to an approved landfill.
- Inspect Dallas Avenue South to ensure that no debris is being tracked onto it.
- Take samples to check for PCBs in unpaved road areas along Dallas Avenue South before and after the cleanup.
- Sweep and pressure-wash the property and Dallas Avenue South after the cleanup work is done.

#### What Happens Next at Terminal 117?

This cleanup work is the start of the Port's work with EPA on a larger cleanup for Terminal 117. EPA plans to hold a public comment period in early 2007 to get public input on the rest of the soil cleanup. Final soil cleanup-level decisions, based on reasonably anticipated future land uses for Terminal 117, will be part of this process. After the soil is cleaned up, EPA and the Port will work on the cleanup of contaminated riverbank and river sediments (mud) at the terminal.

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